Enrollment Increase Continuing

Taylor University Director of Admissions, Grace D. Olson, reported recently that 415 students have been accepted to date for enrollment at Taylor for the fall semester. At the same time last year only 282 had pre-registered or signed up as freshmen. The report was made to the Advance Planning Committee of the Taylor Board of Directors, which has set 560 as the maximum number Taylor can accommodate for 1955-56. An additional 125 have applied for admission and their acceptance is pending completion of the application process.

The maximum figure of 560 is an increase over 1954 fall enrollment of about 8%. Last year Taylor's enrollment jumped 21% as a result of a faculty study which revealed the college could operate more efficiently with more students. All available space will be used for housing to accommodate the additional students. Several new faculty members are being added to the staff as a result of the increase.

College officials have urged that students interested in studying at Taylor apply earlier in the year. A point system of evaluation has been adopted for selecting those best qualified to do college work at Taylor, but the committee on admissions also seeks to take into account various personal factors.

Bergwall Receives Degree

President Evan Bergwall of Taylor University received the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity at the 1955 Commencement exercises of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, on Monday, May 30. The degree was awarded in recognition of his leadership at Taylor University since becoming president in 1951.

Bergwall was named vice-president of the Indiana Association of Independent and Church-Related Colleges at its recent meeting at Anderson, April 26.

Taylor Board Approves Advance Program

The Taylor University Board of Directors at their June commencement meeting approved an advance program for the Upland college which is expected to double the size of the student body and add a number of buildings to the campus. The program is designed to provide a share of the impending tidal wave of students who will expect to go to college in the next few years.

Upon recommendation of the advance planning committee of the faculty, the directors set the future enrollment of Taylor at 800-1000 students. It is expected that if adequate staff and facilities can be provided, this size will be reached within the next ten years with a moderate increase each year.

Central to the advance planning is the proposal of Taylor Architect Orus Eash, Traverse City, Michigan, for expanding the size of the present campus and adding a number of new buildings. The plan has been drawn to make possible the construction of one building at a time, each fitting into the general plan. No time limits or total cost estimates have been made.

President Evan Bergwall indicates that Taylor is seeking to maintain a high quality of instruction and at the same time carry its share of the increase in higher education. "We hope and pray that these plans can be realized," he said, "and we are confident that many of our friends will see the challenge and respond with the support that is necessary. We are convinced that Christian higher education for young men and women training for service and devotion to high principles will meet the most pressing needs of our day."

The first construction planned in the program is expected to be a men's dormitory and food service unit. The building would be located in the center of the campus and its unusual construction would be a keynote for the advance planning program. Application has been made for a loan

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from the Federal Housing Administration to provide the funds for construction of the dormitory. Estimated cost of the entire unit is about $600,000. The dormitory which will house 176 men is planned at a cost of about $2,000 per student accommodated. The dining room, designed to accommodate from 500 to 700, is a self supporting concrete dome and the walls are entirely glass. The dormitory will be a lift slab construction which will mean a minimum of maintenance cost.

THREE AREAS PROVIDED

The general campus plan divides the college area into three groups of buildings, the living area, the academic area, and the area of public buildings. All the internal roads are to be replaced with a road around the outside of the campus with plenty of parking areas.

To meet the need for housing for married students and faculty an apartment building is planned, perhaps financed through private capital. The first educational unit to be constructed is a science building at an approximate cost of $400,000. Science laboratories are now located in the basement of the Administration Building and a converted army barracks building.

Other new buildings in the plan are a large classroom building, a new administration building which will provide more office space, a chapel, an auditorium and student union, a health center, an observatory, a president's home, a bookstore, grill and post office building, and perhaps a building for a school of missions or religion and additional dormitories.

Space is no problem for Taylor as the college is located on the northeast corner of a 100 acre tract. No dates for construction have been set until funds are available.

NEW DIRECTOR NAMED

The Taylor board also elected Mr. Lester Gerig, of the Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as a new director. Mr. Linton Wood, Worthington, Ohio, was re-elected for a four year term by the board, and the Alumni Association re-elected Howard Skinner, Muskegon, Michigan, for a four year term. Mr. John Bontrager, Elkhart, Indiana, who has served a number of terms on the board was named honorary director.

Present and proposed buildings are indicated in the architect's drawing for the Taylor University campus. The area on the right is designated for the residence area; classrooms and offices are in the lower left corner and public buildings occupy the upper left portion. The plan calls for an increase in size of the present campus by about one-third. A number of existing buildings are not shown, as they are not permanent enough to be considered part of the long range plan.
Thomas To Join Lacour Crusade

James Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thomas, Greenfield, Indiana, who is a senior at Taylor, will accompany the Lawrence Lacour Evangelistic Party during its summer in churches started by Lacour and a group of 40 Christian laymen and ministers last summer and will also appear before groups where new congregations will be formed. He will also assist in counseling work.

Oratorio in Commencement Schedule

The oratorio by Franz Haydn “The Creation” was presented by the Taylor music department as a special feature in the Commencement program this year. On Sunday afternoon before Baccalaureate the A Cappella Choir and Chapel Choir joined with the Marion Civic Orchestra to do the first two sections. Soloists for the oratorio were Betty Godsey, soprano, Martha Hayden, soprano, Art Edstrom, tenor, Paul Harper, bass, and James Thomas, bass. Howard Skinner conducted.

Skinner has indicated that the department seeks students who play string instruments to form a campus orchestra and join with the musicians from surrounding communities to make a larger organization. Students who qualify are eligible for Vayhing scholarships in strings. Instruction is available for musicians who desire further study.

JULY 4th BANQUET SET AT WINONA LAKE

Taylor University alumni, students, parents, prospective students and friends are invited to join in the Taylor banquet at the Westminister Hotel, Colonial Room, on Monday, July 4 at 5:30 p.m.

A special tape and film report from Don Odle and the Venture for Victory team will be presented. Ted Engstrom, Chairman of the Taylor Board, will speak on the future of Christian Higher Education.

Tickets are $1.50. Reservations should be made by writing to Taylor not later than June 27.

Faculty Appointed for 1955-56 College Term

Three new faculty members have been engaged at Taylor University to teach in the 1955-56 college year. Mr. Gordon Kreuger, who has been a professor at Spring Arbor Junior College, will teach in the chemistry department; Mr. Frank Roye, director of the Wesley Community House of Louisville, Kentucky, will teach sociology; and Mrs. William Green will teach mathematics.

William Green, who during the past year has taught in the social science and religion departments, will become Dean of Students replacing Dr. Paul Uhlinger. Uhlinger after two years at Taylor, has elected to become pastor of a New England Methodist Church.

Green expects to receive a doctorate at the University of Tennessee in September. His work there has been primarily in the field of orientation and guidance in college programs. A graduate of Taylor University, he holds a master’s degree from Western Reserve in Cleveland. Green came to the Taylor staff last year from Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., where he had been for five years.

Mrs. Green, who also taught at Bryan, will replace Miss Olive May Draper who retired after 41 years of service as a member of the Taylor faculty.

Kreuger is a graduate of the University of Kansas with both A.B. and M.A. degrees. He has had 14 years experience in industrial chemistry, and has been at Spring Arbor for two years.

Roye is a graduate of Transylvania College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He formerly taught at the University of Tennessee in sociology; and Mrs. William Green will teach mathematics.

Taylor FTA Wins Prize

One of the displays at the annual convention of the National Education Association in Chicago July 3-17 will be the Taylor University FTA exhibit which won first prize at the Indiana Future Teachers of America Spring Workshop. The workshop was held at Valparaiso University April 29 and 30.